

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed June 18, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

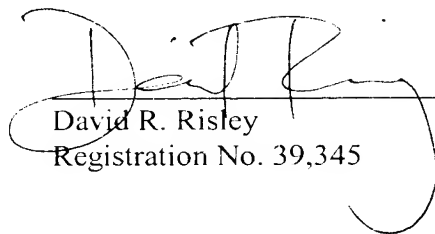
As indicated above, the subject matter of claim 4 has been added to independent claim 1. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1-7 are presently allowable. In addition, similar language has been added to independent claim 8. Accordingly, each of claims 8-13 is also believed to be allowable.

As is further identified above, claims 4 and 14-26 have been canceled from the application through this response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

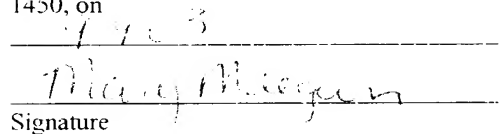
CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-3 and 5-13 are in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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